There were not a lot of specifics on how the testimony should be written or how long it should be, but I just wanted to share my thoughts about this issue, because I won't be able to attend the meeting. However, I would appreciate it if my name was not read out loud. Even though the protestors haven't done anything to harm us, I still don't feel entirely safe around the school. (Which is another issue that should be discussed, in the words of my wise mother "your rights end where the other person's rights begin". What is the point in supporting freedom of expression if the other party feels like they have none? And how will the school manage this issue?)

Evolution is a beautiful concept. All things evolve: cells, species, beliefs, culture, society, science, and even the ever changing universe. Trying to stop evolution goes against the very own nature of the universe. Telescopes are the evolution of astronomy, and even telescopes have evolved.

Not much time has passed since Galileo looked at Jupiter and saw its moons, rotating around it, for the first time. Now we can see galaxies moving away from us, planets in other systems, even the remnants of the Big Bang. TMT is a big step in the evolution of astronomy, and the ultimate best place to build it is in Mauna Kea. To me it feels like destiny, Mauna Kea's use since humans first stepped on it, has been astronomy. Mauna Kea is the best place for astronomy in the entire world, and it deserves the best telescope we can build. It deserves to continue the purpose that humans have given to it. TMT is not for the government, or for rich corporations, and is not only for Hawaiians, it's for humanity.

In this century, the new generations have gained a consciousness that older generations never had, Global Conscience. Global Conscience is the ability to think about the future of humanity and the entire planet as a whole. It is to understand that the decisions we should make are decisions that should have a good impact in a global scale.

Mining mountains in India for the profit of one country is not global conscience. Promoting green energy, and reminding people that the technology is ready to go whenever, is.

Sometimes what's best for humanity means making a few sacrifices. I believe that TMT in Mauna Kea is what's best for humanity, and depriving humanity of the knowledge and advancements that we can achieve with TMT in the best place for astronomy in the world, is detrimental to the overall future of the planet and our species.

I also believe that the pursuit of truth is an important part of being human. Sadly, we don't always make sure that what we're told is the truth, and most of the time it's not. Everyone expects the government and big corporations to lie and cheat their way through life, and most of the time they do, but with science it's a little more complicated. Scientist don't do science for the profit, we do it because we love it, because we believe in it, and mostly because we're curious.

I know many people believe that TMT's purpose is to destroy Mauna Kea for profit. But in reality, people spent years trying to make sure that the building of TMT has no negative environmental impact on the mountain, it has shown a commitment to the mountain, the people from Hawai'i and the Keiki, by creating jobs and giving money for education in Hawaii. TMT will have an overall good impact in the Hawaiian community, and as a minority, I do not take it lightly when I say "community above all else". Education and health are more important than anything, and TMT is dedicated to education. So for the Keiki, and humanity, TMT should be built.